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## Items of County News

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

### COUNTY SEAT NEWS

By Special Correspondent

Deluxe ice cream—77¢-c.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis have returned from spending the winter in California.

Charles E. Webster, who has been ill for some time, went to Grand Rapids Thursday to take medical treatment.

Mrs. Jacob Waggoner received word Wednesday of the serious illness of her granddaughter, Miss Wilma Jones, of Niagara Falls.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church and the Mrs. George Clark Sunday school.

Samuel M. Bowen, 75, died early Friday and the funeral was held Sunday at the home on Pine River st.

Rev. L. Stangor officiating, with burial in Ithaca cemetery.

The Ithaca district team went to Grand Rapids Thursday evening to meet the team there in debate on the minimum wage question. The decision of the judges was unanimous for the Ithaca team which upheld the negative side of the question.

Miss Ida Alsborg has returned home after spending the winter with her son, Harry Jeffrey, of Springfield, Ill.

Charles Jessup has received word of the safe arrival of his son, Clarence, from overseas.

Those from Ithaca who attended the missionary group meeting in Alma, Friday, were Mrs. R. E. Dean, Mrs. L. Conner, Mrs. M. G. Skinner, Mrs. L. E. Welch, Mrs. Minner, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Edna Finn and Mrs. William Bowen.

Gordon Tracy and Miss Lucille Bowen were quietly married Thursday evening at the Presbyterian minister, Rev. Roberts officiating. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Bowen and Vera Maxwell of North Star.

Mrs. A. M. Shaw spent Saturday and the first of the week in Ithaca with her son, William, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hargis are the parents of a son, Charles Spencer Hargis, born Monday.

Maynor Keller is in Chicago on business.

Mrs. Ed Webster and daughter, Jeannette, were week end guests of Mrs. Webster's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, of Elsie.

Mrs. William Brown and sister, Miss Grace Clark, spent Friday in Alma.

Mrs. Annie Ryckman underwent an operation for appendicitis at her home on Prospect st. Friday.

Mr. C. E. Burr made a business trip to Grand Rapids the past week.

Miss Marie Townsend and Miss Sarah Greer of North Star spent the past week visiting friends in Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon of Buffalo came Saturday for an extended visit with Mrs. Moon's mother, Mrs. Minerva Allen.

Mr. Moon was a farmer employee of the Gratiot County Herald.

Mrs. Mary Thomas and daughters, Leta and Lona, spent the week end in Alma.

Miss Estelle Elsworth and Mrs. B. Munson have returned to Lansing after several weeks here with their sister, Mrs. Millie Miller.

Cecil Palmer and Frank Waters, Jr., of North Star called on Ithaca friends the past week.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Harry Clayton Damon, 27, Alma, Mary E. Susdorf, 27, Alma; John E. Craig, St. Charles 48, Fanny Boist, 46, Alma; Ora A. Johnson, 31, Sumner, Alice D. Long, 26, Sumner; Vern Stanwood Allen, 21, St. Louis, Marjorie Miller, 18, Alma.

Mrs. W. C. Mumford and children of Marion are visiting Mrs. Mumford's sister, Mrs. L. E. Welch, and mother, Mrs. Fairbanks.

Lut Jessup sustained a broken leg when the step ladder on which he was standing tipped over at the armory. He was working about ten feet from the floor and had someone holding the ladder when the latter was summoned to another part of the building and thoughtlessly left the ladder without support.

Carl Hittner is enroute from Hampton Roads where he received his discharge after several months' service overseas.

### VESTABURG ITEMS

By Special Correspondent

Mrs. Ellen Shores entertained several relatives at her home Saturday in honor of the safe return of her son, Arthur, who has spent one year in the service. Dinner was served by the hostess and the time was spent socially and with music. Those present from out of town were her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Kelley and son, Willis Shores, of Edmore, and daughter, Mrs. William Parks, and husband of Alma, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley of Cadillac.

The Richland township cemetery association which was to have been organized last Saturday, was postponed on account of so few attending failing to the rain. All are requested to come to the Vestaburg school house Saturday, May 10th, at 2 p. m. and assist in organizing and electing officers.

Rev. Kimberling went to Alma Saturday and returned home with his wife who is at that place receiving medical aid. Mrs. Kimberling returned to Alma Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gifford and two children of Winn were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Murtaugh.

Otto Marvin returned to his work after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jollie Hare.

Mrs. Ellen Shores and son, Arthur, went to Edmore Monday, May 5, to celebrate his 21st birthday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stanley Kelley.

Miss Coral Rhodes, who is a telephone operator in Alma, came home Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Murtaugh, and was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Pearl Taft, of Alma.

Mrs. Jennie Greer went to Ithaca Monday.

Supt. Froemming received word Tuesday night that his father was severely injured by a premature explosion of dynamite caused by a defective fuse, while blowing out stumps. He left on the evening train and arrived in the home in Rose City Wednesday noon. On his return to Vestaburg he reported his father much better and due to all up.

Mrs. Melissa Krabill, wife of Elder John Krabill, was born in Wyandotte county, Mo., and was 21 years of age when she came to Vestaburg Tuesday, April 22, 1919, at the age of 34 years. Although she had been in ill health for some time, death came unexpectedly.

She was able to be around on small business meeting until she was taken with pains around her lower back. Druggists applied hot applications and the pain quieted so Mrs. Krabill went to the table to eat her dinner. She came and went to a seat near the stove. The pain returned so severely that it caused her death suddenly before medical aid could be secured.

Mrs. Krabill was a member of the Southern church. Elder Samuel Baldwin conducted the funeral services which were held at the Church of Christ Friday, May 2, at 2 p. m. Interment in the Peoria cemetery.

Her husband she leaves to mourn, the following children by two former marriages: George and John Rough, and Lawrence and Anna Davis, and many other relatives and a host of friends. Relatives from away who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John Rough and two sons of Flint and C. Krabill of Pennsylvania.

### WRIGHT SCHOOL

Miss Bernice Vander of Mr. Pleasant is home helping to care for her brother, Raymond, who broke his leg last week.

Boss Sullivan spent the week end in Bur Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vancore, Jr. and baby at Alma spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vancore.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham are on the sick list.

### OBITUARY

Elsie Allen Kelley, oldest son of Joseph D. and Lavinia Kelley, was born in Orange, Ashland county, Ohio, February 22, 1852. He was married to Adell Reynolds in 1881.

To this union were born two sons, Elmer J. of Gratiot county and Archie A. of Monticello county. Mrs. Kelley died in April 1887. In 1888 Mr. Kelley was married to Ida Kelley. To this union were born two children, John A. of Eaton county and Mercy who was laid to rest May 8, 1912.

Mrs. Ida Kelley died August 21, 1898. Mr. Kelley was again married to Mary Ann Finch in 1899. To this union were born four children: Clarence, Milton, Florence and Ceila.

Mr. Kelley passed away April 22, 1919. His sudden death was due to Bright's disease and was a shock to his many relatives and friends.

He is survived by a wife, seven children, one brother and one sister. The funeral services were held from the Summer Center church, being conducted by Rev. W. J. Stark of Owosso. Burial was made in the Prichard cemetery.

"A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we love is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled."

### OBITUARY

Sarah Patch was born in Oswego county, New York, May 23, 1834. In 1836 she moved with her parents to Jackson county, Michigan, where she resided until April 11, 1852, when she was united in marriage to Ira Amsbury. There were six children born to this union, five sons and one daughter, those being Seely E., Joseph R., Wallace R., William L., Fred D. and Eda L. Amsbury, all of whom, except the daughter, are living.

She moved with her family to Gratiot county in March, 1861, settling in Seville township, where she resided until 1893. Mr. Amsbury passed away in 1873, leaving her a war widow with five children.

For the past twenty-three years she has lived with her son, W. L. Amsbury. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church from childhood. She passed away on April 29 and was laid to rest on Friday, May 2. She leaves to mourn their loss, five sons, twelve grand children and three great grandchildren, besides a large circle of friends.

### OBITUARY

Charles A. Button, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Button of Lansing, was born in New Haven township, Gratiot county, January 29, 1890, and died in Lansing, April 15, aged 29 years. The greater part of his boyhood was spent in Gratiot county. At the age of seventeen years he went to Carson City, where he learned the barber's trade. Later he went into business in Alma, where he remained until his health caused him to sell out and go to Colorado, where he remained for a year. After that he returned again to Michigan and became interested in real estate and other ventures.

He leaves to mourn their loss his father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Glenn Hicks and Rosemary Button of Lansing, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Button of Elm Hall and other relatives.

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